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# REVIEW

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# BRITISH NATION.

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**I** Am now enter'd upon the brief History of my Beautiful Countess, my Charming Mistress, the Lady CREDIT. By her History, I mean what has befallen her since I left her last—— I left her in Suspense, at the flying News of Changes at Court; she was something Alarm'd at the Rumour—— But when it happen'd, she acted with a great deal of Caution; she could not indeed dissemble her disorder, and to prevent exposing herself, she withdrew entirely for a while, and appear'd no where, neither did any Man know what was become of her—— Some People spread a Report, that she was quite gone out of the Nation; and descend'd to Particu-

lars, as to tell us what Ship she went over in, where she Landed, and she like; others said she was not gone, but that she intend'd to go, and they were calling the *Parliament* immediately, to make a *Law ne exeat Regnum*, to prevent her running away; others again not so Flegmatick, said she was only retir'd into the Country for her private Observations, and would keep herself *incognito*, till she saw which way Things would go.

However it was, this we all found, that for a while she was withdrawn, it seems she hid herself in the Bank, for that seem'd the only Refuge she had left—— Here she liv'd retir'd, but began with time, to recover

ver her first disorder a little, and now and then she began to peep Abroad — Among the rest, she made a short Visit to the *Treasury*, but told them she would not promise to take up any Dwelling with them, till she could see what the *Parliament* would do — The Lords of her Majesty's *Treasury*, however very Poltick, made this use of the short stay she made with them, that getting her in a good Humour, she help'd them to the Loan of half a Million Sterling for their present Supply, and for the Subsisting the Forces in *Flanders* — And having done this, away she went to the *Bank* from whence she came.

She had not staid long here, but she receiv'd the worst fright that she had met with all the Time of these late Disorders, and this as much from the Weakness and Folly, to say no worse of it, of her Friends, as from the Violence of her Enemies — I have often told you, that her Mother *Commerce*, frighted by the Shoutings of the Rabble, at the shutting up of the *Exchequer* in King *Charles's* Time, had like to have quite miscarry'd when she was big with Child of her, and her Father *Probity* took her up, and was going in haft out of the Kingdom with his Family — Ever since this, the Lady has had an Aversion to Rabbles and Tumults — Now it happen'd, that after her return, as I said, from the *Treasury*, there was a terrible ungovern'd Rabble, occasion'd by the late Success of the Party, at the Elections in the City — This happen'd at so Critical a Juncture, that added to the Disaster; for the Old Commission of the Lieutenancy was just superseded, and the New Commission had not met; the Old Officers could not Act, and New Officers were not nam'd, so that there was no Military Power in the City; tho' the Mob had Assaulted the Bank, no Drum could have beaten, not one Company of Train'd Bands could have been Rais'd; this doubl'd the Mischief, and entreas'd the Fright.

As it often is in such Cases, that Timorous People make a bad Side worse, so it was here, the Poor Lady was in a terrible Fright at the Rabbles themselves, but ten times

worse, when after all was over, she found her self run down, expos'd, and abandon'd, by the Folly and Cowardise of her own Friends; they, who had great Shares in her *Treasure*, had liv'd many Years upon her Support, were rais'd by her, and who she had Reason to believe would stand by her to the last; these frighted, and giving up all for lost, came about her with loud Clamours and Cries, that they were *All undone!* *All undone!* That she was Ruin'd, and that she could never be Retriev'd — This usage surpriz'd her, and threw her into Fits; it quite dishearten'd her, she knew it was her *Tory* and *Jacobite* Enemies desire, that it should be so; she knew her Foreign Enemies would build their Hopes upon her Ruin, and be Encourag'd to hold on the War, upon the Notion of her decay — And to see her Friends thus fall in with her Enemies, these Attacking, and those Desponding, what could she think? It was enough to have sunk all the Ladies of her Family in the World, and to dishearten all that wish'd her well, and indeed it brought her very low.

In this Condition, insulted by her Enemies, the *High Flyers*, and forsaken of her Life-Guard, the *Whigs*, she fled from the Bank in the dark; and indeed they found themselves all in the dark when she was gone; immediately in a Fright, abundance fled after her, and like People quitting a Town Surrender'd to the Enemy, they sold their Goods for what they could get, nay, so high did their Fears run, that several People Sold that which Cost them 129*l.* ster. for 9*5* *l.*

This was the Case, our own Fears of a *Rascally Mob* brought upon us; nor did we come to our selves a great while, till by the help of a little Consideration, we found it was all wrong, that it was a *Tory Interest*, not a *Whig Interest*, to run down Credit; That what was lost was our own, and what we lost, the Enemy gain'd; these Things made us Rally our Spirits a little, and bringing back the Lady from her Frighted Circumstance, we began to gather about her again, Encourage her, and Hearten her up as well as they could, but she reviv'd but



but very slowly, and is not yet recover'd her former State of Health.

And one Thing is very remarkable, her faint-hearted Whig-Friends, who in the Fright, Sold 300000*l.* of their (Stocks) Goods, at 95*l.* or 100*l.* for what Cost them 129*l.* and by that fright, lost 29 to 34 per Cent. upon all that Money, which is at least 80000*l.* which Money was lost to the Tories, who bought the said Stock — Now she is return'd, they are buying the same Goods (Stocks) of the Tories back again, at 105, which is 10 per Cent. Gain, and is 30000*l.* clear Purchase to the Tories.

After this false step, it is, you may be sure very hard to recover; and Credit, tho' she fell and grew at once, at the Rate of 10 per Cent. in a Morning, picks up again as slowly, by one per Cent. or half per Cent. and the like — So that finding this will never do her Business, and hearing that a *Parliament* was suddenly to sit, she apply'd her self to the Queen, humbly Entreating her Majesty, that she would be pleas'd to recommend her Condition to the *Parliament*, which Request her Majesty has been pleas'd to grant in a most Gracious manner.

Now let no Man take it ill, that she apply'd to the Queen, only for her Majesty's Recommendation to the *Parliament*, and not rather to the Queen *Personally*, to apply her Royal Hand to it herself.

Such may please to Note, the Diseases of Credit are a peculiar to *Parliaments*, as the Disease call'd the *Evil*, is to the Sovereign; none can cure them but themselves — The Royal Touch has no Healing Virtue in it for this Distemper; Queen and *Parliament* United may do it, but neither by themselves can.

Credit was not so short-sighted a Politician, as not to know this — The Thing is certain, *Parliaments* are the Foundation of our Funds; the Honour and Justice of *Parliaments* in preserving the Publick on one Hand, and a firm adherence to the great

Principle of making good former Engagements, and supplying the Deficiency of *Parliamentary Security*, on the other, these are the great Channels of Credit — The Author of the *Essay upon Credit*, however wide in other Things, was right in this, that Credit is not a dependant upon the Person of the Sovereign, upon a Ministry, or upon this or that Management; but upon the Honour of the Publick Administration in General, and the Justice of *Parliaments* in Particular, in keeping whole the Interest of those that have ventur'd their Estates upon the Publick Faith — Nor must any *intervention of Parties* be of Notice in this Case — For if one Party being uppermost shall refuse to make good the Deficiencies of the Ministry *that went before them*, because another Party then had the Management, *Parliamentary Credit* would not be worth a Farthing; for by the same Rule, no Man would Advance a Penny, to this or any Party; because the next Party which happened to get up (for *Parties never Reign long*) would, or at least might, vacate the Securities the former Party had Establish'd; and so when a Man would lend his Money, it became necessary another should Ensure to him the Reign of the Party he lends it to.

Credit is too wary, too coy a Lady to stay with any People upon such mean Conditions; if you will Entertain this Virgin, you must Act upon the nice Principles of Honour, and Justice; you must preserve Sacred all the Foundations, and build regular Structures upon them; you must answer all Demands, with a respect to the Solemnity, and Value of the Engagement; with respect to Justice, and Honour, and without any respect to Parties — If this is not observ'd, Credit will not come; No, tho' the Queen should call; tho' the *Parliament* should call, or tho' the whole Nation should call.

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